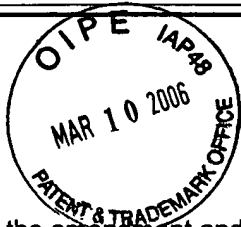


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<b>COMBINED AMENDMENT &amp; PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)</b>					Docket No. 17271	
In Re Application Of <b>Takehiro Nishiie</b>						
Application No. <b>10/723,225</b>	Filing Date <b>November 26, 2003</b>	Examiner <b>Matthew John Kasztejna</b>	Customer No. <b>23389</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3739</b>	Confirmation No. <b>9178</b>	
Invention: <b>FLEXIBLE TUBE OF ENDOSCOPE AND ENDOSCOPE</b>						
<b><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></b>						
This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>9/8/2005</u> in the above-identified application. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Date</div>						
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> One month</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Two months</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Four months</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Five months</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"><div>from: <u>12/8/2005</u> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Date</div></div><div>until: <u>3/8/2006</u> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Date</div></div></div>						
The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	12 -	20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00	
<b>FEE FOR AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$1,020.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$1,020.00</b>	
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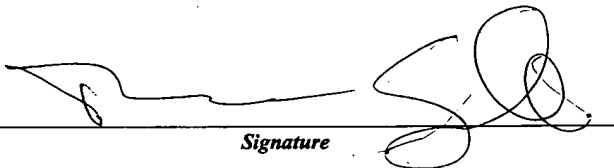


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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
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